



# **Ward Notification**

## **Tucson Fire Department**

**Fire Chief Patrick Kelly**



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Date: April 20, 2009

### **Ward 5 – House Fire – 700 Block of East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street**

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Dispatch Time – 1148

On-Scene – 1155

Transport Time – 1201

A family of five might be moving into another home for a couple days, due to smoke damage, after a fire started in a dryer inside their home. A seventeen-year-old female was home with the two dogs when the fire started. She saw the fire and tried to extinguish it, but smoke quickly filled the home. She took the dogs outside and called 911. Twenty-one firefighters arrived on scene, found nobody inside, and extinguished the fire in six minutes. One person was treated and released at the scene with minor injuries, and no other injuries were reported.

Red Cross was not needed.

Damage Estimate - \$25,000

Cause – Heat from dryer ignited combustible materials

**Safety Message:** Use caution when placing items in the dryer to be dried. Oily or greasy rags that have been washed could ignite when placed in the dryer if grease or oil is not completely removed during the washing cycle. Also remember to clean out lint filter prior to turning the dryer on after each load.